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By Representatives Wensman, Costa, Sheahan, Sterk, Lantz, Kenney, Skinner, Sherstad, Lambert, Gardner, D. Schmidt and Pennington; by request of Secretary of State

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to trademarks; and amending RCW 19.77.030.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.77.030 and 1994 c 60 s 1 are each amended to read 4 as follows:
- 5 (1) Subject to the limitations set forth in this chapter, any
- 6 person who has adopted and is using a trademark in this state may file
- 7 in the office of the secretary of state, on a form to be furnished by
- 8 the secretary of state, an application for registration of that
- 9 trademark setting forth, but not limited to, the following information:
- 10 $((\frac{1}{1}))$ (a) The name and business address of the applicant, and, if
- 11 the applicant is a corporation, its state of incorporation;
- 12 $((\frac{2}{2}))$ (b) The particular goods or services in connection with
- 13 which the trademark is used and the class in which such goods or
- 14 services fall;
- 15 $((\frac{3}{1}))$ (c) The manner in which the trademark is placed on or
- 16 affixed to the goods or containers, or displayed in connection with
- 17 such goods, or used in connection with the sale or advertising of the
- 18 services;

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- $((\frac{4}{1}))$ (d) The date when the trademark was first used with such 1 goods or services anywhere and the date when it was first used with 2 3 such goods or services in this state by the applicant or his 4 predecessor in business;
- 5 (((5))) (e) A statement that the trademark is presently in use in this state by the applicant; 6
- 7 (((6))) (f) A statement that the applicant believes himself to be 8 the owner of the trademark and believes that no other person has the 9 right to use such trademark in connection with the same or similar 10 goods or services in this state either in the identical form or in such near resemblance thereto as to be likely, when used on or in connection 11 with the goods or services of such other person, to cause confusion or 12 mistake or to deceive; and 13
- $((\frac{7}{1}))$ (g) Such additional information or documents as the 14 15 secretary of state may reasonably require.
- 16 (2) A single application for registration of a trademark may 17 specify all goods or services in a single class or in multiple classes for which the trademark is actually being used((, but may not specify 18 19 goods or services in different classes)).
- 20 (3) The application shall be signed by the applicant individual, or by a member of the applicant firm, or by an officer of the applicant 21 corporation, association, union or other organization. 22
- (4) The application shall be accompanied by three specimens or 24 facsimiles of the trademark for ((at least one)) each of the goods or services for which its registration is requested, and a filing fee, as set by rule by the secretary of state, payable to the secretary of state. The fee established by the secretary may vary based upon the number of categories listed in the application.
- 29 (5) An applicant may correct an application previously filed by the 30 secretary of state, within ninety days of the original filing, if the 31 application contains an incorrect statement or the application was defectively executed, signed, or acknowledged. An application is 32 corrected by filing a form provided by the secretary of state, and 33 34 accompanied by a filing fee established by the secretary by rule. The 35 correction may not change the mark itself. A corrected application is effective on the effective date of the document it corrects, except 36 37 that it is effective on the date the correction is filed as to persons relying on the uncorrected document and adversely affected by the 38 39 correction.

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(6) An applicant may amend an application previously filed by the secretary of state if the applicant changes the categories in which it does business. An application is amended by filing a form provided by the secretary of state, accompanied by three specimens or facsimiles of the trademark for any new or additional goods or services for which the amendment is requested, and a filing fee established by the secretary by rule. The amendment or correction may not change the mark itself. An amended application is effective on the date it is filed.

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